

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 11 and 20 are pending. Support for the amendments can be found in Applicants' paragraph [0051], for example.

Claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15-18 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Susaki et al. (Susaki), U.S. Patent No. 6,189,032, in view of Shitama, U.S. Publication No. 2002/0110123. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 calls for a communication device with a controller that allows a user of a communication device to determine whether an operation according to a request is accepted or rejected every time that it is determined that the request came in from the WAN. Claim 11 is a method claim and claim 20 is an apparatus claim that calls for similar features.

Susaki's col. 9, line 38 - col. 10, line 7 discuss using a service approval request processor 206 that determines if approval is required based on a process control rule. Susaki fails to associate requests that come in from a WAN as a part of the process control rule. Accordingly, even if Susaki was combined with Shitama in order to suggest a WAN (which Applicants do not admit would have been obvious), then some of the requests that come in from the WAN would be automatically accepted (i.e., a user would not be allowed to determine if a request is accepted or rejected)

Shitama fails to overcome the deficiencies of Susaki because Shitama fails to discuss allowing a user to make any determination. Shitama instead extracts information and compares it with an access permission list (paragraph [0068]).

It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 2 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Susaki in view of Shitama and Joubert et al. (Joubert), U.S. Patent No. 6,101,616, claims 5 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Susaki in view of Shitama and Allen et al. (Allen), U.S.

Publication No. 2003/0041333, and claims 10 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Susaki in view of Shitama and Boehmke et al. (Boehmke), U.S. Publication No. 2002/0126822. The rejections are respectfully traversed.

None of Joubert, Allen and Boehmke overcome the deficiencies of Susaki and Shitama as applied to independent claims 1, 11 and 20. It is respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 11 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Shitama in view of Kimura, U.S. Publication No. 2001/0048744. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 calls for a communication device with a controller that automatically accepts an operation according to the request when it is determined that the request came in from the LAN; and allows a user of the communication device to determine whether the operation according to the request is accepted or rejected every time that it is determined that the request came in from the WAN. Claims 11 and 20 call for similar features.

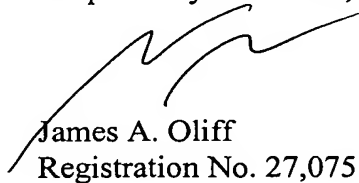
The combination of Shitama and Kimura fails to disclose or suggest the combination of features recited in claims 1, 11 and 20 because the combination fails to disclose or suggest treating requests that come in from a LAN or a WAN differently. Shitama fails to discuss allowing a user to make any determination because Shitama extracts information and compares it with an access permission list (paragraph [0068]). Kimura discusses the security of a wireless LAN system (paragraph [0017] for example) that authenticates all requests.

It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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